

How to Organize Your Teaching

Teaching Strategies

Professional Development
Module

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Group Norms

Listening: SLANT

Cell phone reminder

Conversations

Breaks



Bathroom location



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Doing What Works Website

Practice
Learn
See
Do



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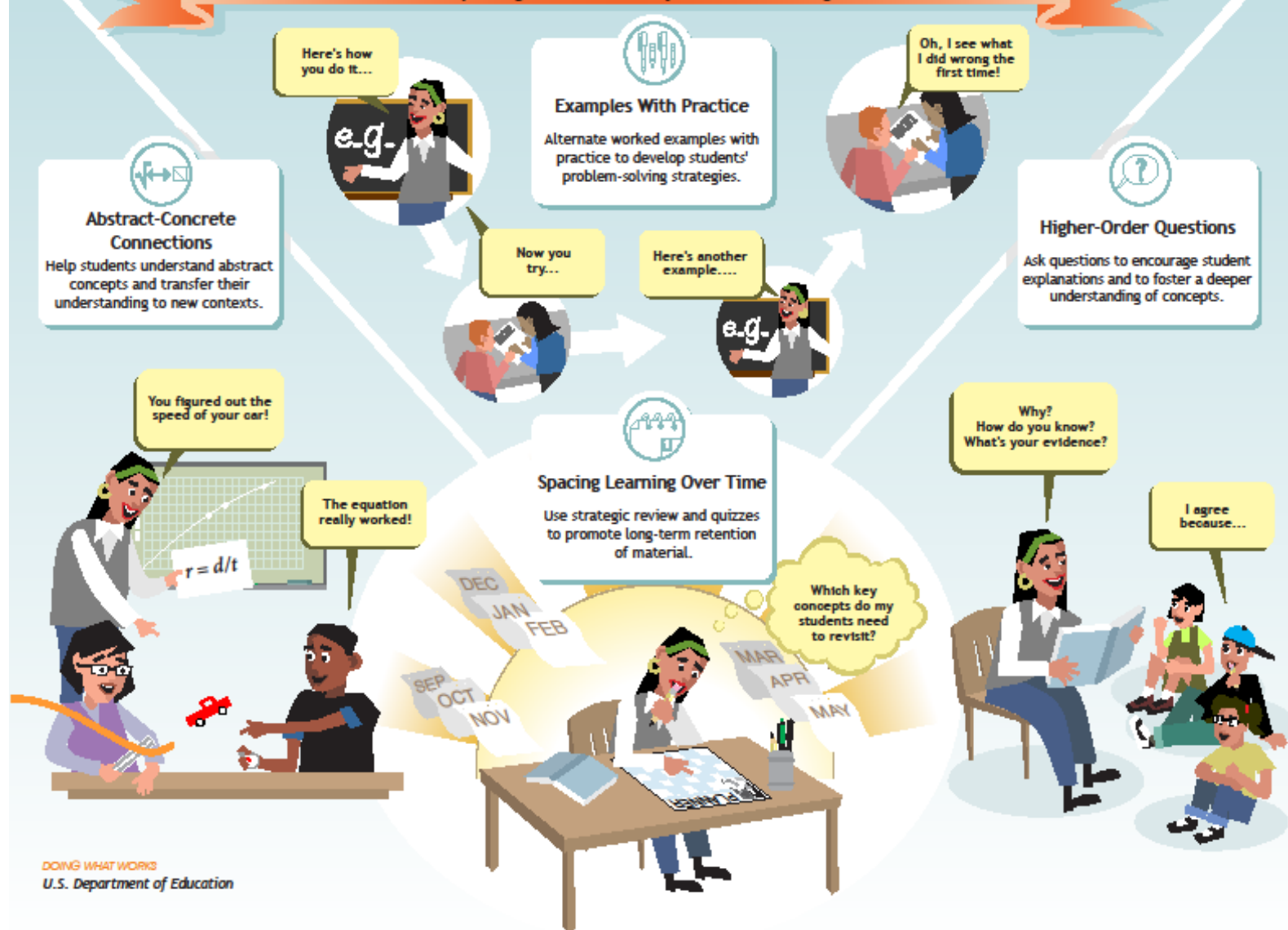
Introduction Activity

- Think about an adjective that describes you that begins with the same letter your first name begins with and an animal with the same letter as well.
- Share with the group one at a time around the room.

- “Groovy Gloria Groundhog”



How to Organize your Teaching: Improving Students' Memory and Understanding



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TOPIC SUMMARY

Multimedia Overview: How to Organize Your Teaching



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Key Concepts in Organizing Instruction and Study



1. Spacing learning over time with review and quizzing
2. Alternate worked examples with problem-solving practices
3. Connect abstract and concrete representations of concepts
4. Use higher-order questions to help students build explanations



- Expert Interview

“Key Concepts in Organizing Instruction and Study”

Hal Pashler, Ph.D.



University of California, San
Diego



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Recommended Practice: Spacing learning over time with review and quizzing



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Spacing Learning Over Time

Practice Summary



- Introducing the key subject content
- Revisiting that content with short quizzes or targeted homework assignments
- Quizzes or review activities asking students to recall key facts several weeks or months after the original lesson.



Spacing Learning Over Time Practice Summary

- Multimedia Overview
Spacing Learning Over Time with
Review and Quizzing



Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works

LEARN:

- Expert Interview “Key Concepts in Spacing Learning Over Time”
- Mark McDaniel, Ph.D.
Washington Univ., St. Louis



Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works-

Key Concept

1. Use quizzes and fun games for retrieval practice to reduce forgetting.



Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works-

Key Concept

2. Teach students how to test and assess their own knowledge and focus their study strategies accordingly.



Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works-

Key Concept

3. Use technology to provide quick-response quizzes.



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Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works-

Key Concept

4. Plan for important content to be revisited and reviewed over time.



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Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works-

Key Concept

5. Provide common planning time for teachers to revise grading systems that capture review and students' mastery of skills over time rather than a student's performance on a single assessment.



Spacing Learning Over Time

Learn What Works

LEARN:

- Expert Interview “Using Quizzes to Boost Achievement”
- Mark McDaniel, Ph.D.
Washington Univ., St. Louis



Spacing Learning Over Time

See How It Works



- Quick Quizzes as Learning Tools
- Charles Willems, Mike Comiskey,
Matt Forbes
- Kettle Moraine High School, Wales(WI)



Spacing Learning Over Time

See How It Works



- Quizzing With Clickers
- Columbia Middle School (IL)
- Patrice Bain – Middle School Social Studies



Spacing Learning Over Time

See How It Works



- Bell Ringers, Pyramids, and Big Ideas
- Plainwell Middle School (MI)
- Bonny Bowen – social studies teacher



Spacing Learning Over Time

Do What Works

- Learning Together About Spacing Learning Over Time
- Description- A Tool that can be used to convene a school in-service session for teachers to learn why and how to space learning over time.



Recommended Practice: Alternate worked examples with problem-solving practices.



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Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Practice Summary

- By providing a worked example before each new problem to solve, students are given access to better problem-solving strategies and can develop their own strategies more effectively.



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Practice Summary



- Multimedia Overview: Alternating Worked Examples With Practice



Alternate Worked Examples with Problem-Solving Practice Learn What Works

LEARN:

- Expert Interview “Key Concepts in Alternating Worked Examples With Practice”
- Ken Koedinger, Ph.D.
Carnegie Mellon University



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Learn What Works- Key Concept

1. Develop homework sets that ask students to alternate between reading already worked solutions and solving problems on their own.



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Learn What Works- Key Concept

2. Have teachers conduct "thinkalouds" in which they explain their thinking process as they complete problems.



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Learn What Works- Key Concept

3. Plan for professional development to identify the characteristics of a good example.



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice Learn What Works- Key Concept

4. Consider incorporating online tutorials that assist students.



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Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice See How It Works



- Slideshow: The Power of Worked Examples
- Kettle Moraine High School (WI)
- Mike Comiskey – Geometry Teacher



Alternate Worked Examples with problem-solving practice See/Do How It Works

- Student Handout: Order of Operations Homework with Worked Examples
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Julie Booth and Ken Koedinger



**Recommended Practice: Connect abstract
and concrete representations of concepts.**



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Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Practice Summary



- Students need to make connections between abstract and concrete



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Practice Summary



- Multimedia Overview: Connecting Abstract and Concrete Representations of Concepts



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Learn What Works

LEARN:

- Expert Interview “Using Concrete Situations to Introduce Content”
- Brian A. Bottge, Ed.D.
- University of Kentucky



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Learn What Works- Key Concept

1. Identify the challenging concepts in your discipline and how you might demonstrate these concepts in concrete contexts



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Learn What Works- Key Concept

2. Use graphic representations with verbal descriptions that illustrate key processes and procedures.



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Learn What Works- Key Concept

3. Help students understand the benefits and limitations of concrete representations.



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Learn What Works- Key Concept

4. Provide teachers with professional development in creating lessons that situate challenging course material in real-world problem scenarios.



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts See How It Works



- Presentation: Cupcake Geology: Using Models to Explain Abstract Concepts
- Chamberlin Hill Intermediate School (OH)



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts See How It Works



- Slideshow: Designing Hovercrafts
Anchoring Instruction in Real-Life Problems
- Lodi Middle School (WI)
- Lyle Hendrickson – Math teacher



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts See How It Works



- Interview and Classroom Video:
Demonstrating Thermal Layering
- Starr Elementary School, Plainwell (MI)
- Tasia Stamos, Fifth Grade Teacher



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts See How It Works



- Video Interview: Making History Come Alive
- Plainwell Middle School
- Matt Moorman



Connect Abstract & Concrete Representations of Concepts Do What Works

- Learning Together About Connecting Abstract and Concrete Representations of Concepts



Recommended Practice: Use higher-order questions to help students build explanations.



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Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Practice Summary

- Who?
- What?
- Where?
- When?
- Why?



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Practice Summary

- Multimedia Overview: Using Higher-Order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Learn What Works

LEARN:

- Expert Interview “Key Concepts In Using Higher-Order Questions”
- Annemarie Palincsar, Ph.D.
- University of Michigan



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Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Learn What Works- Key Concept

1. Study your discipline to better understand how scientists, historians, mathematicians, and those who study literature ask questions and provide explanations.



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Learn What Works- Key Concept

2. Encourage students to dig deeper by asking them to explain their thinking in speaking and writing.



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Learn What Works- Key Concept

3. Create a classroom culture that encourages students to take academic risks and share ideas with the class.



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Learn What Works- Key Concept

4. Provide teachers with professional development about how to make question-asking and explanation-generating a natural part of the classroom environment.



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations

See How It Works

- Video: Opportunities for Student Explanations
- Normal Park Museum Magnet Elementary
Chattanooga (TN)
- Jill Levine



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations

See How It Works

- Video: Essential Questions: A Schoolwide Approach
- Normal Park Museum Magnet Elementary
Chattanooga (TN)
- Jill Levine, Joyce Tatum



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations See How It Works



- Video Interview: Response Groups.
Eliciting Explanations in History
- Plainwell Middle School (MI)
- Matt Moorman, History teacher



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Do What Works

- Sentence Starters for Generating Higher-Order Questions
- Help generate deeper explanations using this worksheet for starting student sentences



Use Higher-order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations Do What Works

- Learning Together About Using Higher-Order Questions to Help Students Build Explanations
- The discussion questions in this tool can be used to convene a school in-service session for teachers to learn why and how to teach using higher-order questions



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Wrap Up



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References/Resources

- Doing What Works: <http://dww.ed.gov/>

